Investigations into seizure of drugs from Pakistan indicate that the drugs seized in the majority of the cases were in transit through India to the international market. Successive reports of INTERPOL and of the International Narcotics Control Board also confirm the fact that India is being used as a transit country for illicit drug traffic.

Export subsidy

1199. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export subsidy is provided against exports made from India in commercial transactions;

(b) if so, what are the basis norms that are followed in disbursing subsidy by Government;

(c) what other financial assistance is admissible to individuals and firms against export transactions; and

(d) how the export subsidy is linked with import of goods, if both are done by the same firm?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (d) No export subsidy is provided against exports made from India in commercial transactions. However, certain export promotion measures are being implemented in order to make our exports competitive in the international market by compensating the Indian exporters for various disadvantages which are inherent in our present stage of economic development. The Cash Compensatory Support Scheme is the most important export promotion measures and under this scheme CCS is allowed on a selective basis and is granted primarily with the object of compensating the Indian exporters for the elements of unrefunded indirect taxes on inputs used in export production. No other Government subsidy is provided for any export transactions.

Linking of the Himalayan and Peninsular rivers

1200. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1042 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the National Water Development Agency has by now completed the necessary feasibility studies for establishing peninsular rivers development component of the national perspectives; and

(b) if so, whether any decision is being taken to operationalise the linkages of Himalayan and Peninsular rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b) The National Water Development Agency has prepared preliminary feasibility reports on five of the seventeen water transfer links for Peninsular River Development component of the National Perspective. The detailed field investigation for these links will be taken up after the concerned State Governments convey their consent to these reports. The Himalayan Rivers Development component has not been taken up for studies.

ग्रामीण न्यायालय

1201. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या **विधि और न्याय** मंत्री 22 नवंबर, 1988 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1517 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ग्रामीण न्यायालयों की स्थापना के संबंध में वर्तमान सरकार का क्या रवैया है ; और

(ख) ऐसे न्यायालय कब तक स्थापित कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री साथ में विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी) : (क) और (ख) सरकार, विधि आयोग द्वारा अपनी 114वीं रिपोर्ट में दी गई सिफ़ारिशों के अनुसार ग्राम न्यायालयों की महत्वपूर्ण बातों को पंचायत राज प्रणाली के अधीन, न्याय पंचायत संस्था में समाविष्ट करने की संभावनाओं का पता लगा रही है ।

Irrigation potential of Madhaya Pradesh

1202. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by the end of Seventh Five-Year Plan period, the irrigation potential created in Medhya Pradesh was around 17 per cent as aaginst the country's corresponding figure of about 37 per cent; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government propose to take any special measure so that the State comes reasonably close to the All India average in terms of irrigation patential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The irrigation potential likely to be created in Madhya Pradesh by the end of VII Plan would be 42.2% of the ultimate irrigation potential of the State as against the country's corresponding figure of 69.70%.

(b) A number of Major, Medium and Minor Irrigation projects are under construction with a view to achieve the balance potential.

News item captioned "Bank wrote off loan to Kerala Congress-I"

1203. SHRI N. E. BALRAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Bank wrote off loan to Kerala Cong-I" which appeared in the Telegraph, Calcutta, of 18th February, 1990;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what is Government's reaction for the demand for a separate agency constituted by RBI to write off loans?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks and as per the customs and usages prevalent amongst the bankers, the information relating to an individual constituent cannot be divulged.

Financial assistance to junior lawyers for purchase of law books

1204. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of junior lawyers at present practising in different States, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that their request for providing them loan through the nationalised banks for the purchase of law books has not been acceded to so far; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Bar Council of India, no statistics are available regarding the number of Junior lawyers practising in different States.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the Reserve Bank of India, the nationalised banks have been providing credit at concessional rates of interest to the borrowers in